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SUBJECT: CYPRUS COUP

SUMMARY: SYG LUNS SUMMONED ATLANTIC COUNCIL MORNING OF JUNE 16
TO REPORT ON HIS DEMARCHES BOTH ORAL AND WRITTEN TO THE GOVERNMENTS
OF GREECE AND TURKEY REQUESTING VIEWS OF THESE GOVERNMENTS
ON THE DEVELOPING CYPRUS SITUATION AND URGING UPON THEM THE GREATEST
RESTRAINT. IN RESPONSE THE COUNCIL WAS UNITED IN EXPRESSING
ITS CONCERN AT PRESENT SITUATION, ITS HOPE THAT RELEVANT PARTIES
WOULD EXERCISE RESTRAINT SO THAT DEVELOPMENTS IN CYPRUS WOULD
NOT LEAD TO CONFLICT BETWEEN TWO MEMBERS OF THE ALLIANCE,
AND ITS SUPPORT FOR THE ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY
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GENERAL. COUNCIL ALSO AGREED THAT FACT IT HAD MET TO DISCUSS
CYPRUS AND FACT THAT SYG SENT MESSAGES TO ATHENS AND
ANKARA SHOULD BOTH BE MADE PUBLIC BY NATO PRESS SPOKESMAN.
END SUMMARY.

1. DPC WAS SCHEDULED TO MEET AT 10:15 ON MORNING OF JULY 16. WITH TEN MINUTES NOTICE, SYG LUNS SUMMONED FRENCH AMB SO THAT DPC COULD BE PROCEEDED BY A MEETING OF THE NAC TO DISCUSS CYPRUS SITUATION. LUNS BEGAN BY RECOUNTING TO THE COUNCIL HIS ORAL DEMARCHES ON JULY 15 TO THE CHARGES D'AFFAIRES OF GREECE AND TURKEY AND EH DESCRIBED AND DISTRIBUTED TEXTS OF THE WRITTEN FOLLOW-UP MESSAGES SENT LATER THAT DAY TO THE TWO CAPITALS (FOR TEXT SEE SEPTTEL).

2. LUNS CONTINUED SAYING THAT SINCE IT NOW SEEMED THAT PRESIDENT MAKARIOS HAD NOT BEEN KILLED, CYPRUS SITUATION SHOULD BE SEEN IN DIFFERENT LIGHT BECAUSE, IN LUNS' OPINION, THE LEGITIMATE GOVERNMENT IS THEREFORE STILL IN PLACE. LUNS WARNED COUNCIL THAT HE HAD THE IMPRESSION THE SOVIET UNION WAS FOLLOWING DEVELOPMENTS WITH MORE THAN NORMAL INTEREST, AND THAT SOVIETS WOULD BE GREATLY CONCERNED BY CHANGE IN THE GOVERNMENT STRCUTURE OF CYPRUS. HE THEN ASKED MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL IF THEY HAD OPINOINS TO EXPRESS OR QUESTIONS TO ASK.

3. DE STAERCKE (BELGIUM) RECALLED NORTH ATLANTIC TREATY AND OTHER ALLIANCE TEXTS WHICH REQUIRED ALL MEMBERS OF ALIANCE TO SETTLE DISPUTES AMONG THEMSELVES BY PEACEFUL MEANS. ON BEHALF OF THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT DE STAERCKE EXPRESS SUPPORT FOR LUNS' ACTIONS BOTH IN THE COUNCIL AND IN HIS PERSONAL CAPACITY. IN RESPONSE TO LUNS' INQUIRY WHETHER THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT ENVISIONED DEMARCHES IN ATHENS AND ANKARA, DE STAERCKE THOUGHT IT DID AND SAID HE WOULD FOLLOW UP WITH RECOMMENDATION THAT IT DO SO.

4. UK CHARGE (LOGAN) REFFERRED TO RADIO REPORTS THAT A BRITISH OFFICER HAD SEEN MAKARIOS ALIVE ON JULY 15. LOGAN ALSO RECALLED THE OBLIGATIONS OF THE BRITISH GOVERNMENT AS A PARTY TO 1960 TREATY OF GUARANTEE AND ALLIANCE AND HE REPORTED HIS FOREIGN SECRETARY HAD CALLED TO ATTENTION OF THE GOVERNMENTS OF GREECE AND TURKEY THEIR MUTUAL UNDERTAKING UNDER THIS TREATY. LOGAN SAID THAT THE CONSULTATIONS CALLED FOR UNDER THE TREATY BEGAN CONFIDENTIAL

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YESTERDAY.

5. ITALIAN REP (CATALANO) APPROVED SYG'S INITIATIVES, NOTED THAT THREE GOVERNMENTS REPRESENTED IN COUNCIL WERE GUARANTORS OF CYPRUS CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENT AND SUGGESTED COUNCIL SHOULD PUBLICIZE FACT IT WAS CONCERNED ABOUT CYPRUS SITUATION AND MEETING TO DISCUSS IT.

6 DUTCH, CANADIAN, NORWEGIAN AND DANISH REPRESENTATIVES ALSO EXPRESSED UTMOST CONCERN AT CYPRUS DEVELOPMENTS, APPRECIATION AND SUPPORT FOR LUNS' INITIATIVES AND AGREEMENT THAT THE FACT THAT LUNS HAD SENT MESSAGES TO ANKARA AND ATHENS AND THE FACT THAT THE COUNCIL HAD MET TO DISCUSS THE YPRUS SITUATION OUGHT

BOTH BE PUBLICIZED.

7. RUMSFELD SAID THE UNITED STATES CONSIDERS LUNS' APPEALS UNDER THE TERMS OF HIS WATCHING BRIEF TO BE MOST HELPFUL. HE NOTED THAT THE U.S. POSITION ON CYPRUS HAD BEEN SET FORTH BY THE SPOKESMAN OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THAT TEXTS OF THOSE STATEMENTS WERE BEING CIRCULATED TO DELEGATIONS.

8. RUMSFELD, CONTINUING ON A PERSONAL BASIS, REITERATED U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE SOVEREIGNTY, INDEPENDENCE AND EXISTING CONSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS ON CYPRUS AND SAID THE UNITED STATES CONTINUE TO REGARD CYPRUS AS A SINGLE, SOVEREIGN AND INDEPENDENT STATE AND U.S. ACTIONS WILL BE GOVERNED BY THIS CONTINUING FUNDAMENTAL TENET. RUMSFELD ALSO SAID THE UNITED STATES CONTINUES TO SUPPORT A PEACEFUL RESOLUTION FOR THE CYPRUS PROBLEM AND BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT THAT THE UTMOST RESTRAINT AND PATIENCE BE EXERCISED, AND THAT ACTS BE AVOIDED WHICH MIGHT FURTHER DESTABILIZE THE SITUATION IN THE EASTERN MEDITERRANEAN, EXACERBATE RELATIONS BETWEEN TWO NATO ALLIES AND GIVE AN OPPORTUNITY TO FORCES EXTRANEOUS TO THE AREA TO EXPLOIT THE SITUATION TO THE DETRIMENT OF THE WESTERN INTERESTS. CONCLUDING, RUMSFELD AGREED TO CONSENSUS TO MAKING PUBLIC THE FACT THAT NAC HAD MET ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS.

9. TURKISH CHARGE (TULUMEN) REFERRED TO THE UK REEP'S STATEMENT AND SAID HE WAS GLAD UK AUTHORITIES ARE THINKING IN TERMS OF IMPLEMENTATION OF THE TREATY OF GUARANTEE.

10. GREEK CHARGE (RAPHAEL) INTERVENED ON A PERSONAL BASIS
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CONFIRMING THAT HE HAD TRANSMITTED LUNS' MESSAGE TO ATHENS. WHILE HE HAD NO SPECIFIC REPLY, ACCORDING TO HIS INFORMATION GREEK POLICY TOWARDS CYPRUS HAS NOT CHANGED BUT REMAINS WHAT IT WAS BEFORE.

1. LUNS CONCLUDED BY SAYING HE WILL CONVENE THE COUNCIL AGAIN ON THIS SUBJECT AS SOON AS IT SEEMS DESIRABLE.

12. COMMENT: AT 1400 LUNS INFORMED PERMREPS HE WAS CALLING A MEETING OF NAC FOR 2130 LOCAL (2030Z) TODAY, JULY 16 ON THE SUBJECT OF CYPRUS. LUNS PURPOSE IS TO PUT PRESSURE ON TURKEY AND GREECE TO RESPOND IN NAC AS TO INTENTIONS. BOTH PERMREPS HAVE INDICATED THEY BELIEVE THEY WILL BE IN A POSITION TO RESPOND. IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN THIS EFFORT AS WELL AS TO BETTER FULFILL USG PROMISE TO CONSULT METICULOUSLY, MISSION SUGGESTS IT BE AUTHORIZED TO DRAW MORE FULLY ON REPORTS WE HAVE ON U.S. DEMARCHES IN ATHENS AND ANKARA. MISSION WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE RECEIVING WHATEVER OTHER MATERIAL WASHINGTON CAN FURNISH.

13. AS REPORTED SEPTTEL, WE HAVE WORKED OUT PROCEDURES WITH SYG LUNS FOR KEEPING ALLIES GENERALLY INFORMED ON DEVELOPMENTS AND CURRENT DATA THROUGH SYG LUNS. END COMMENT RUMSFELD

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